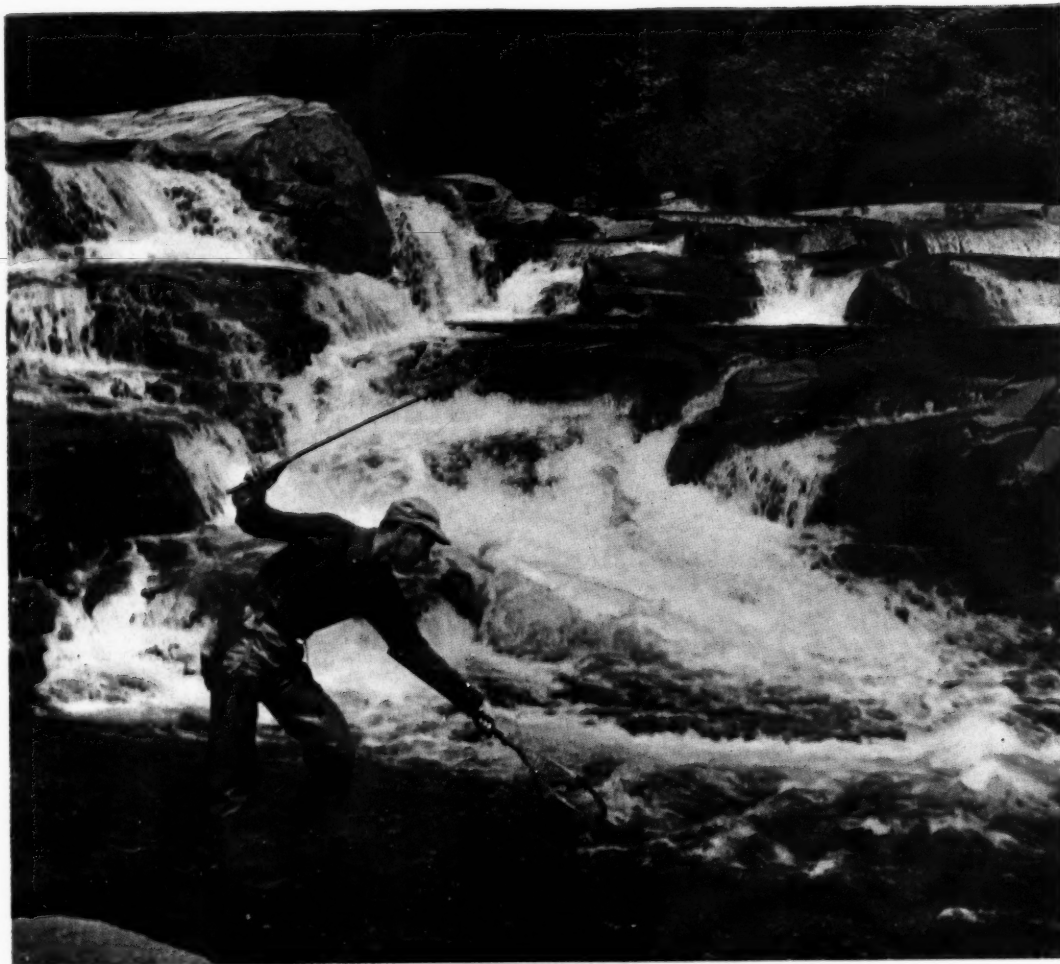


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FISHING AND HUNTING

"They Shall Fish For Them; And After I Will Send For Many Hunters"
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FISHING AND HUNTING

PRIMEVAL MAN hooked or snared fish by the aid of numerous devices. Among the earliest was the gorge made of stone with a groove in the middle for the line. Bones also were used for this purpose. The early Californian Indians used shell hooks while the Piute Indians used the spine of a cactus.

The art of hunting, as well as fishing, dates from antiquity. In early days not only fishing but hunting was an economic necessity rather than a sport, for man, in stalking, capturing and killing the prey, secured meat for himself and his family.

The Bible speaks of Nimrod as a mighty hunter, whose prowess was widely known. Tradition indicates he was the first to train leopards in hunting other wild beasts. Esau is spoken of as a cunning hunter, who went out into the field to secure venison so that he might make a savory dish for his father.

Speaking in terms of fishing and hunting, through the Prophet Jeremiah God refers to a process by which His people, who had turned away from Him and gone astray into idolatry and disobedience to his laws, would be brought back to obedience and awakened to the knowledge of their identity and responsibility. "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks" (Jer. 16: 16).

In this most important prophecy the Lord makes plain how the House of Israel is to be awakened to spiritual values, to acknowledge their identity as the Israel of God in the world today and be convinced of the necessity to conform with the terms of His covenant.

The sending abroad of two groups, designated as fishers and hunters, indicates two entirely different methods by which God will appeal to His people. A fisherman exercises patience in waiting as he undertakes to snare the fish in a net or catch it on a line. Also, when he casts his net, he knows he will gather into it all kinds of fish, some good and some bad. The hunter, on the other hand, tramps through the woods and over the hills and mountains, exerting his energy in a deliberate search for his specially selected prey. In this way Jeremiah prophetically referred to the two distinct phases of the Gospel to be proclaimed consecutively to Israel for the purpose of bringing them back into covenant relationship with God.

The first task would require fishers and the period of their activity is clearly defined by the events of the Gospel Age. When Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee and called His

disciples, He said to them, "I will make you fishers of men." Throughout the centuries of the Dispensation of Grace, the followers of our Lord have been proclaiming the Gospel of salvation, fulfilling the commission to fish for Israel, resulting in multitudes accepting Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour.

The fishers were to be followed by many hunters according to Jeremiah's prophecy, indicating a change in both method and message. The period of their activity was to be at the end of the Gospel Age and would be distinguished by the efforts of those who have sought to establish the identity of Israel, seeking the evidence which traces their origin back to Palestine, then throughout the years of the trek of the Israel tribes through various lands up to the present time. It has been a matter of painstaking research, comparing the records of the past with the marks by which the race was to be identified in the latter days. The history of nations and the migration of races have all been carefully checked until, finally, the identity of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples as modern Israel has been established.

History has revealed how faithfully the predicted fishing and hunting missions have been carried out by those chosen of God for each purpose. The hunting process is being intensified during the present generation, followed by the proclamation of the responsibility of the Israel of God to return to full obedience to the Law of the Lord according to the covenant God made with their forefathers. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom which is to be proclaimed just before the age ends. Therefore, in conformity with Isaiah's prophecy, the call is going out to modern Israel: "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you" (Isa. 51: 1-2).

Although God's people have been lost to the world as far as their identity is concerned, they have never been lost to God. To this the Prophet Amos testifies: "For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among the nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth [to be lost sight of or unaccounted for]" (Amos 9: 9). He has watched over them and led them throughout all their wanderings to the appointed place where they were to accept His Son as their Redeemer and Saviour and later awaken to their identity (Jer. 16: 17): "For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes."

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THE MARCH OF HISTORY

The Enemy Strengthened

PRIOR TO World War II we sold scrap metal to Japan, enabling that nation to fashion this material into armaments which were later used against us. Today the West is doing even better in behalf of those who oppose us by supplying the weapons themselves to potential enemies — weapons which will be later used against us. The British Government announced on Monday, May 11, 1959, its approval of substantial arms sales to Iraq, including tanks and jet bombers ostensibly for the purpose of preventing Iraq from turning to the Soviet Union for weapons.

But why arm those who have already indicated their intention of moving into the Soviet orbit, a fact being clearly demonstrated in the present developments taking place at Baghdad? Already the Baghdad government has forced the Iraq Petroleum Company, owned by British, French and American interests, to give up 300 square miles of oil rights and has invited Russia to develop this oil field.

The iron curtain has all but shut down around Iraq. Allen Dulles, head to the Intelligence branch of our government, informed President Eisenhower that the Kremlin recognizes that the easiest road to expansion lies through Asia and Africa, not Europe, and has pre-

cipitated the Berlin crisis to divert attention from the Communist coup in Iraq.

Russia is transporting armed Kurdish tribesmen from Soviet territory to Northern Iraq. These armed tribesmen are being used to bolster the Kurdish forces of the Communist Mullah Mustafa al-Barzani, the purpose apparently being to prevent a challenge of the Communist gradual take-over of the Iraqi government.

Every bit of information from Iraq clearly indicates that it is about to become — if it has not done so already — the first Soviet satellite without a common border with other Communist states, for the Communists are in key positions there, with the army apparently under their control.

With Iraq gradually moving into the Soviet orbit, it is disturbing to learn of the British decision to sell arms to Baghdad. But even more disquieting is the fact that this decision on the part of the British has the approval of Washington, as well as states bordering Iraq, such as Jordan, Iran and Turkey, who, it is reported, have endorsed the plan.

Just as you cannot buy friendship with money, as the results of American expenditures overseas show, equally so you cannot win the allegiance of a country through arms sales when it is definitely permitting itself to succumb to Russian influence. Furnishing such a nation with arms in the form of tanks, planes, guns

and other munitions will only contribute to the build-up of the military strength of another Russian satellite in preparation for the day when the Soviets will decide to strike out in aggression against the West. This is the lesson Great Britain, as well as the United States and those supporting such a program, must evidently learn the hard way, just as we had to learn in the same manner what the results were to be of sending so much scrap iron to Japan prior to World War II.

The Scriptures Confirmed

THE INVESTIGATIONS of researchers are now beginning to bring forth the scientific opinion that the polar regions buried under many cubic miles of ice were once tropical areas in which giant trees and luxurious vegetation flourished. This conclusion is the result of the findings of Dr. Harry Wexler, chief scientist of the United States International Geophysical Year research program in Antarctica.

The present judgment of scientists is that Antarctica became an "ice box" many generations ago. This was proved when an expedition there found sandstone-shale coal beds containing leaf fossils and 12-foot remains of petrified trees in the newly-discovered Horlick mountain range in Antarctica. The coal beds, proof positive of ancient vegetation, varied in thickness from a few inches to a few feet. In the same sedimentary region the explorers found fossil bivalve shells.

While all this is going on, the Scriptural account of the Deluge in Noah's day has already supplied the necessary information for a logical explanation of the so-called ice age, as well as accounting for the polar ice caps. The record of the Bible clearly indicates that the entire surface of the earth was tropical at one time. Then, quite suddenly, due to the changes which occurred at the time of the Deluge, as the result of the descent of a canopy of water lying above the firmament, a portion of the earth that had been submerged became the temperate and tropical zones. At the same time the swift changes in temperature in the polar regions resulted in their inundation under an avalanche of ice and snow. (See *Primogenesis*, p. 32 and Chapter VI*).

When scientists awaken to the realization that the Bible account is absolutely true, they will be saved many years of labor for, when all the pertinent facts are understood, they will then have a working basis to enable them to arrive at factual conclusions far in advance of the time now consumed to accomplish this end.

Multiplying Evidence

WE ARE well aware of the great difficulty experienced in trying to convince one, against his will, of the personally injurious effects of something he is determined to do. This has been clearly illustrated by the actual increase in cigarette consumption in full face of mounting attestations to the fact that it is one of the major

causes of lung cancer. Many smokers of cigarettes refuse to read or listen to the swiftly-accumulating evidence concerning the dangers involved, apparently assuming that where ignorance is bliss it is folly to be wise.

Nothing, of course, is solved by such an attitude; nor does ignorance of results bring immunity from danger. No doubt Arthur Godfrey felt secure in his assumption that the dread disease would not afflict him in view of statements he has made in his advertisement of cigarettes on television broadcasts. In an editorial in the *Deseret News*, Salt Lake City, Utah, the following observations were made:

"For millions of television viewers, the most lasting impression of Mr. Godfrey involves a long, seemingly-blissful drag on a cigarette, a blowing of clouds of smoke at the screen, a deep sigh of satisfaction. He will long be remembered for his appeal, 'Don't buy a pack; buy a carton,' and for his confident assurances to his listeners that there's nothing to this lung cancer scare, so go ahead and enjoy your smoking.

"There's no proof, of course, that smoking caused Mr. Godfrey's lung cancer. But the statistics say it did.

"The statistics say that the death rate among lung cancer victims is 400% higher among smokers than among non-smokers. They say that for every 27 non-smokers who die of lung cancer, 385 smokers die of the disease. They say, as Senator Wallace F. Bennett has computed, that if just 1% of the smokers in the United States were to give up the habit, 4,200,000 man-years of human life would be saved — based on an estimate of 60 million smokers and the seven-year average reduction of life span scientists say is due to smoking.

"The statistics are compelling enough — and they become more compelling with every announcement of results of a new study — that the Department of Health, Education and Welfare has issued an official warning of the results of smoking. They are compelling enough that the American Cancer Society has launched an all-out educational program against cigarettes. And that the governments of Britain and Norway, at least, have undertaken official government programs to discourage smoking."

We wonder if, as Mr. Godfrey looks back on years of smoking, it is with the same satisfaction and enjoyment he so freely advised others to experience, now that the dread disease he scoffed at has overtaken him. If he recovers sufficiently to return to television, it is doubtful that he will ever again declare, "There is nothing to this lung cancer scare; go ahead and enjoy your smoking."

Commenting on future performances, the *Deseret News* continued in its editorial:

"No doubt the industry's expensive propaganda and advertising campaign will roll on. No doubt it will continue to give comfort to millions who wish they could give up smoking but can't find the will-power. No doubt it will entice countless new millions of young persons to begin smoking in the years ahead.

"But it's safe to say that one former participant in that campaign will be missing, even if — as all of us profoundly hope — he completely recovers his health. Arthur Godfrey, who has spoken countless words urging the pleasures and harmlessness of smoking, has now, in a hospital-bed statement, written this:

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"... All these things we had planned to do and now there is this "thing" in my left lung. Suddenly, out of nowhere... this horrible, skulking "thing," visible only as a ghostly shadow on an X-ray negative. This "thing" that no longer gives pain, probably because I can't feel it through the cold, clammy, clutching fear that's gnawing at my vitals."

"No, one doesn't imagine the tobacco moguls will want a man who has thus come to grips with the truth to do any more cigarette ads for them."

Since the above editorial appeared in the *Deseret News*, the release of lung cancer statistics, as the result of studies by Drs. Herbert L. Lombard and Leonid S. Snegireff of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, published in the March and April numbers of *Cancer*, shows that, of 500 lung cancer patients, 473 smoked cigarettes, 19 smoked either cigars or pipes and only 8 did not smoke at all. Moreover, four out of five of the cancer patients were classified as heavy smokers, having consumed an average of one package of cigarettes a day for twenty-five years. The scientists pointed out that it made no difference whether the total effect was accumulated over a short or a long period of time.

The report stated that women haven't yet smoked long enough to develop much lung cancer.

The age when smoking began seems to have a bearing on liability. Those who began smoking while young were slightly more liable to lung cancer than others who started later, yet smoked the same total number of cigarettes.

The most precious possession a man or a woman can have, apart from his salvation, which assures him a full spiritual relationship with the Lord, is physical health and the accompanying mental well-being. No doubt Arthur Godfrey would give all the wealth he possesses for the health he has lost, if he were able to do so.

It would be interesting to know how many of his listeners have followed his advice to go ahead and enjoy smoking, accepting his opinion that "the lung cancer scare" is groundless. That which he assured others would not happen has now overtaken him. Is Divine retribution working here? We have heard other smokers twit those who have hesitated to do likewise, "What! Are you afraid of cancer?" Perhaps Arthur Godfrey's experience may have a sobering effect upon those who have talked so flippantly. Perhaps, too, the youths who are being persuaded to take up the habit will pay serious attention to the conclusion of the above-mentioned Doctors that "cigarettes seem to be slightly more hazardous to youngsters than to adults."

The tobacco industry is busily engaged in fighting the effects of all these revelations about the dangers of smoking. As research scientists publish more findings, tobacco interests will become increasingly hard pressed. Their claims that nothing conclusive is being proved are beginning to have a very hollow sound in the light of the increasing number of lung cancer cases among cigarette smokers.

Health-Giving Radiation

EVERYONE desires physical well-being and, when afflicted with sickness and pain, will seek ways and means

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to secure relief and the restoration of health. Unfortunately for the average person the ways and means of modern medication are becoming more expensive all the while. The cost of hospitalization is far more costly than in former times; doctor's fees have increased greatly. The so-called "wonder drugs" are beyond the financial means of many people, giving rise to the frequently-expressed quip, "The wonder is how one is to pay for them!"

Millions of dollars are being contributed by the public for research into ways and means to combat the deadly disease of cancer and at the same time to discover a cure for this No. 2 killer (heart disease is Killer No. 1). While cures for cancer are definitely known, unless they originate in properly-accredited medical circles, which make their own rules and regulations concerning what they determine proper certification is, the public is not made aware of their existence.

The tendency in all professions is to oppose change, particularly that which originates outside of the particular field of their activity. Theologians are, as a rule, in strong opposition to the findings of the layman in Scriptural research, no matter how proficient a Bible student he may be. When we turn to the medical profession, we find no exception to this rule. However, because the well-being of millions is involved, this can be a serious matter, affecting as it does the health and even the lives of many.

In the Book of Revelation we are told that in the coming New Order of the Ages there will be a remarkable life-giving tree:

"And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations." (Rev. 22: 1-2.)

This Tree of Life is referred to in a book whose style is highly symbolical; nevertheless, in the figurative language of a "tree," a source of nourishment and healing that will eradicate every malady, producing perfect health, is alluded to. It is a known scientific fact that plants radiate electrical energy and this is particularly true in regard to the leaves of a tree. Are we being told, by means of this descriptive symbology, that there is, or will be, a kind of electrical radiation commonly available that will destroy disease and restore full health to the ailing?

For a long time the medical profession was in opposition to the use of electrotherapy. Today, however, it is accepted and its beneficial results are well attested to. Nevertheless, in all this the application of electrical energy to the art of healing has only been touched upon lightly, for much yet is to be revealed in this field of discovery.

There exists already a form of electrical radiation which, in use, generates no heat but possesses remarkable curative attributes. While still in the experimental stage, under its influence viruses and infections have disappeared, the progress of serious illnesses has been

checked and health restored without resort to medication or surgical operations. Even the dread disease of cancer has yielded to its influence.

The question arises: Is a field of therapy opening up that will bring the blessings of health and well-being within the reach of multitudes at a fraction of the cost now being expended for hospitalization, X-ray and other related services. Furthermore, there is no pain or discomfort whatsoever associated with this form of treatment. What a blessing for those who today toss and turn on beds of suffering!

Just as a man must eat and drink in order to live, is the day coming also when he will be able to absorb health-giving, radiating energy that will eliminate all the diseases that afflict the human race? We are convinced that he will be able to do so and, having access to a source of health through a method of healing inexpensively provided, he will demonstrate the fulfillment of the promise under the functioning of the Divine law of health: "The Lord will take away from thee all sickness."

Answering the Hindu

IN HIS DAILY newspaper column, the commentator Sydney Harris admitted his inability to defend Western civilization in the face of questions asked by a Hindu. Some of the questions were:

"How do you reconcile [Jesus'] doctrine of nonresistance with your guns and your planes and your wars every few decades? Which Christian nation has ever turned the other cheek? Who among you are willing to return good for evil? How can people who share in the good news of His message continually kill one another, while both sides are praying to Him?"

Actually, every intelligent adult in this enlightened country should have no difficulty in answering such questions as those above and meeting the challenge of the Hindu's statements. If careful instruction in the Bible were a part of every Christian's upbringing, there would be no need for the commentator's confession of helplessness: "I couldn't answer the Hindu. Maybe you can."

In the first place, there is nothing in the Scriptures to indicate that Jesus taught a "doctrine of nonresistance." On the contrary, He gave vent to His wrath against the money exchangers in the Temple when he overturned their tables and drove them from that holy place with a whip. This aggressive action in the cause of righteousness and holiness demonstrated that Jesus was no pacifist. Furthermore, in the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John describes His triumphant return as King of kings and Lord of lords and says of Him that "in righteousness he doth judge and make war" (Rev. 19: 11).

In citing precepts applicable to personal conduct and attempting to apply them to national policy, the Hindu was able to confuse the columnist because of the abysmal ignorance of the average Christian concerning what the Scriptures really teach. There is a Divine standard of conduct for the individual Chris-

tian and there is a Divine body of laws for the guidance of the nation. These are not interchangeable.

While the whole story the Bible tells, from Genesis to Revelation, is only understandable if its national message is taken into account, as well as its message to the individual, one familiar illustration from the New Testament will suffice to demonstrate the truth of this. In the 25th chapter of Matthew, Jesus emphasized one aspect of His second coming:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: and before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats." (Matt. 25: 31-32.)

It is very plain that Jesus' words here are addressed to *nations*, not individuals, and the basis of the judgment which divides the sheep nations from the goat nations is the administration of the laws given to nations by which to govern. When the Law of the Lord is righteously administered, the result is the comfort, well-being and prosperity of the people. Maladministration results in poverty and distress among those deprived of the benefits of the abundant life which should be theirs under Kingdom rule.

Jesus did instruct His followers that they are not to go around with a chip on their shoulders; rather, they are to be longsuffering when others spitefully use them. Christians who strive to be overcomers are to "turn the other cheek" (Luke 6: 28-29), but to apply this to a nation confronted with evil aggression is to completely overlook the Divine instructions regarding national defense. Jesus illustrated the difference in the law for the individual and the law for the nation when He said:

"Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison. Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing." (Matt. 5: 25-26.)

The individual may come to agreement personally with his opponent upon his own terms, being as lenient as his heart persuades him to be. But if the matter in contention is allowed to go to court, then the laws the government must administer will apply and only justice will prevail on the basis of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth," making the punishment fit the crime.

No nation can countenance treason or neglect its means of defense if it is to survive. Because this is so, when the Kingdom of God was organized at Mount Sinai, the instructions for its defense were that every man twenty years old and upward was to be trained for war (Num. 1: 3). Had Mr. Harris known that the laws of national defense are as essential to national survival as the laws of personal conduct are to the growth of individual righteousness, he would not have been at a loss for arguments to answer the Hindu.

When Jesus said, "For all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword" (Matt. 26: 52), the fact

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Month By Month ·

by A. R. H.

WITH THE NEWS on March 25th that the new revolutionary government in Iraq had withdrawn from the Baghdad Pact, renewed concern over the fate of the R.A.F. Air Base at Habbaniya is being expressed in official circles. Iraq was the key-stone of the Northern Tier defense system and the fate of Iraq affects the whole of the NATO and SEATO setups, upon which it was hinged. One immediate effect of the elimination of Iraq from the Mideast defense system is that Persia is now, more than ever, exposed to mortal danger. As the Military Correspondent to the *Daily Telegraph* informs his readers:

"Iraq's military importance is twofold. Firstly, it lies across all four practicable routes by which Russian forces might advance westward through the Persian mountains, or by which, alternatively, reinforcements from the West could reach Persia. Secondly, the over-flying rights which the R.A.F. enjoyed over Iraq territory, together with the use of Habbaniya and of the Shabia staging post, were of the greatest importance, particularly as the use of the southern Commonwealth air route via Kartoum is no longer assured. The loss of Iraq's partnership means also that both we and the Americans have lavished armaments on the Iraqi army, to no purpose."

A Hostile Act

Significantly enough, on the day that the members of the Baghdad Pact received notification of Iraq's withdrawal, a Kremlin statement, broadcast by Moscow Radio, declared that "*the bilateral military pacts made by the United States with Persia, Pakistan and Turkey constituted a hostile act against Russia.*"

Moreover, on the selfsame date, Moscow Radio launched, for the first time, a direct personal attack on President Nasser, in its Arab-language programs. It is said that Nasser, who has been in close personal touch with President Tito since their recent meeting in Damascus, has been given the repeated warning: "*Quieten down. You are going too far in your attacks upon Khrushchev.*" This is easier said than done, however, for Nasser is in desperate need of oil revenues from Syria and Iraq sources, but Soviet interpenetration in Iraq now stands in his way.

As *Daily Mail* representative, Ralph Izzard, reports from Beirut:

"Nasser has always considered that he could take over Iraq in due course. But now Kassem has come under the 'protection' of Khrushchev, things have changed entirely. What galls Nasser beyond endurance is that he has not yet been able to get his hands on the spending money derived from Arab oil revenues. Nasser must have money. The whole of Nasser's Pan-Arab policy has depended upon the ultimate pooling of oil revenues. Now Khrushchev is deliberately crossing up this plan. So the whole of Nasser's propaganda machine is being brought to bear on the Kassem regime."

"My prophecy as to the Communist plan for Kassem is this. First, they will not move too quickly. They will keep

him as a front man and will not take over power themselves — thus risking Western intervention — at any rate, not until they are ready to do so. Next will come pressure to nationalize the oil now controlled by the Western-owned Iraq Petroleum Company. FINALLY WILL COME THE DIVERSION OF OIL TO SUCH MARKETS AS RED CHINA. I PREDICT THAT THE NEXT BIG TROUBLE WILL COME IN THE SINBAD-THE-SAILOR SEA-PORT OF BASRA.

A Red Corridor

"Whilst Nasser and Kassem slug it out, the other Middle East countries, holding the ring, look on with varying degrees of anxiety. Persia and Turkey are traditionally indifferent to Arab domestic quarrels, but the prospect of a Communist Iraq is a matter of grave concern for both countries. Communist agitation for an independent Kurdish state creates an alarming prospect. It would mean a RED CORRIDOR SEPARATING PERSIA AND TURKEY. Both Turkey and Persia would feel compelled to resist any such move, by force, which is why both countries are now looking to the United States for military support."

Furthermore, under the sensational headline, "*Russia Pours Millions Into Iraq,*" an *Express* diplomatic correspondent avers:

"As Russia takes another big stride into the Middle East, turmoil is brewing at this pivotal point of Western oil interests. The latest Russian deal has brought to a head the strife between the pro-Communist and anti-Communist elements in the Kassem regime. Colonel Abdul Aref was leader of the pro-Nasser Arab nationalists. He broke with Kassem because the Premier would not announce a union with Nasser's United Arab Republic. All the resigning ministers are Arab nationalists, bitterly hostile toward the pro-Communist groups."

A Strong Grip

"What does Iraq get under the new pact? The aid is worth £100 million. Russia will build factories and railways. And Iraqis will go to Russia for training. Clearly the deal will give Russia a strong grip on the Iraq economy. It is less than a week since Kassem assured the British Ambassador that Iraq would adhere to the Baghdad Pact. But secret negotiations must even then have been near completion."

Meanwhile, in the Lebanon much concern is felt lest future events in Iraq should cause a stoppage of the oil flow through the pipeline from Kirkuk to Tripoli. In continuance of his drive to win Arab support for his anti-Communist campaign, Nasser recently visited President Chehab of the Lebanon, where the majority of the people are anti-Communist. A meeting of Arab League Foreign Ministers is being held in the Lebanon with a view to finding a solution to the present crisis separating Iraq from the United Arab Republic.

Of all the moves, however, made by the Soviets in pursuance of their policy of Mideast infiltration, perhaps the most subtle or ingenious has been the sudden release of thousands of Jews from Eastern Europe, so

that the stream of migration, which had been a mere trickle formerly, has now become a tidal wave, liable to overwhelm the state of Israel.

Thus the London *Times* reports the matter:

"After studiously avoiding the subject for months, the Egyptian press has now not only informed the public of the large-scale emigration of Jews from Eastern Europe to Israel, but is describing the movement as constituting 'the gravest situation faced by the Arab peoples since the catastrophe of Israel's emergence.' The newspaper, *Al Ahram*, says that informed Arab circles are of the opinion that it is incumbent on the Arab States to oppose and resist this operation by all means at their disposal.

"Editorial articles make references to 'a new conspiracy being hatched,' and *Al Gomhouria* speaks of 'Imperialism, Zionism and Communism, acting as temporary allies in a joint hostility to Arab nationalism.'"

Wide Open Gates

Again, a *Times* correspondent in Jerusalem (Israeli side), writes as follows:

"Israelis are largely unmoved by the criticism in *Al Ahram* of migration from East Europe to Israel. Their attitude could be summed up as being that immigration is their own business and no one else's and that, if the Arabs have made Jewish immigration into a boggy which they now fear, then the remedy lies in their own hands; let them recognize Israel and come to terms with her.

"Mr. Eytan, director-general of the Foreign Ministry, told me: 'A cardinal principle of Israel's policy is to hold her gates wide open for any Jew who wants or needs to make his home within them. Israel would not dream of interfering in the immigration policy of Arab countries and cannot concede the right of Arab or other foreign countries to interfere in hers.'"

Under the heading, "*The Flood From Romania Caught Israel on the Hop*," Edward Lee, *News Chronicle* reporter, writes from Nazareth:

"Israel has really been caught napping by Romania's sudden lifting of the Iron Curtain and letting out her Jews. There is chaos here in organizing ways to absorb them all and chaos in finding funds to meet the staggering cost. Israeli Cabinet Ministers are flying to all parts of the world to try and persuade World Jewry to double or triple contributions to meet the emergency. With every plane and shipload of immigrants reaching Israel, difficulties are growing. Soon they may be beyond solution."

A Diabolical Plot

By contrast, Stephen Barber, *News Chronicle* representative, comments from Cairo:

"Colonel Nasser is rallying the Arab States in a concerted protest to Moscow and Washington at 'the greatest menace of all,' the stepped-up migration of Jews to Israel. Cairo's newspapers have begun competing with each other in denunciation of 'this diabolical Zionist plot,' to boost Israel's population by three million. They seize upon this figure, three million, because it is roughly the total of Jews in the Soviet Union and satellites. Arab Ambassadors in Washington and Moscow are asking the American and Soviet leaders to 'stem the tide of Jewish emigration.' President Eisenhower is to be asked to stop 'American' financial contributions, whilst Mr. Khrushchev will be asked to reaffirm Russia's

friendship for the Arabs by stopping the emigration of Jews.

The New Exodus

"The Arab League supports President Nasser in his protest to Moscow against the release of the thousands of Jews who are flocking into Israel, since this fresh wave of immigrants is seen as 'the most serious threat to peace since the Palestine war.' Moscow is to be asked whether the new exodus is being encouraged, and if so, why? Needless to say, the Arab fear is that bursting point will soon be reached, leading to aggression by Israel. The most likely target to begin with would be the west bank of the Jordan, in order to 'secure a natural eastern frontier for the Jewish state,' or so the military chiefs of the United Arab Republic think. Any Israeli aggression would inevitably demand Egyptian military action.

"Recently, an Israeli delegate to the World Zionist Congress appealed for 600 million dollars to back a huge new immigration program. Speculation into Soviet motives is no more comforting. Western diplomats in Cairo believe that the Kremlin may be using Jewish immigration as a rein to hold Nasser in line. Khrushchev has publicly castigated Nasser for rounding up Communists in the U.A.R. Will he go further?

Khrushchev on Zionism

"In his address to the 21st Communist party Congress, Khrushchev made comments on Zionism that now bear re-reading. Describing as naive Arabs who put Communism on the same level as Zionism, he said: 'It is well known that Communists, including those in Israel, carry on the fight against Zionism.'

"DOES THIS MEAN THAT THE KREMLIN'S LONG-RANGE PLAN IS NOT MERELY TO WIN POWER THROUGH THE ARAB WORLD WITH LOCAL COMMUNIST PARTIES BUT ALSO TO BRING ISRAEL INTO THE FOLD? It would be a way of resolving the Palestine problem which would not find favor in Cairo."

Describing the Jewish immigrants as reinforcements for the Israeli armed forces, *Al Ahram* complains:

"Israel will receive within the next few years a total of three million immigrants, or twice the present Israeli population. Thus Israel's ambitions territorially must be expansionist. Absolute priority is given to young men fit for military service and when the immigration plan is completed, the Jewish state will be capable of throwing nearly 600,000 soldiers into the battlefield at any moment."

Furthermore, from Tel-Aviv, press representative Terrence Lyons writes:

"The authorities are trying to guess the reasons that have prompted these Eastern Governments — after years of stubborn refusals to listen to pleadings — to let their Jews out. One theory is that by letting Jews leave the satellite countries, Khrushchev has issued a warning to Nasser to toe the line and to stop persecuting Communists in Syria."

Whatever may be the mixture of motives inspiring this latest development, the net result is going to be a great upheaval in a situation already in the throes of ferment and turmoil.

An Evil Creation

A curious sidelight on this feverish situation is presented by *Daily Express* representative, Sefton Delmer, when he avers:

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AN ASTRONOMICAL DISCOVERY

By J. Bernard Nicklin

A CYCLE in which day and month harmonize with the solar year had come to be regarded like perpetual motion — a well-nigh impossible problem. Then, two centuries ago, a remarkable thing happened. A Swiss astronomer, M. de Cheseaux, who had been the first to observe the six-tailed comet of 1744, while engaged in some chronological research work, was prompted to examine the astronomical significance of Daniel's "time, times and a half" (Dan. 7: 25; 12: 7), which he clearly perceived meant 1260 days or years. To his amazement he soon discovered it to be a solilunar cycle of great accuracy — in fact, ten times more exact than the 19-year cycle observed by the Greek philosopher Meton* during the fifth century B.C. The upshot was, to quote de Cheseaux's own words:

"This made me think it might be the same with the 2300 years (Dan. 8: 14). By the aid of astronomic tables I examined the latter, and found that at the end of 2300 Gregorian years, minus six hours fourteen seconds, the sun and moon return to the same degree of the place from which they started, and that an hour later the sun has reached its exact starting point on the ecliptic."

Observing that the slight error in these 1260 and 2300 year cycles was the same in both cases, he concluded that their difference, 1040 years, should be a perfect cycle, and found it even so.

The following comparison shows the respective accuracy of these cycles:

19-year Metonic Cycle	
an error amounting to 1 day in 220 years	
1260 solar years	
an error amounting to 1 day in 2603 years	
2300 solar years	
an error amounting to 1 day in 5546 years	
1040 solar years	
an error amounting to 1 day in 15,015 years	

De Cheseaux died before he could make these discoveries known, but his sons published his notes in a book entitled *Memoires Posthumes de M. de Cheseaux*, 1754, now extremely rare. According to Chambers, in his *Handbook of Astronomy*, a copy of this exists in the British Museum. The data were submitted to and examined by two celebrated astronomers of the

*The Metonic Cycle, also called the Lunar Cycle, is an extremely important time measure when applied to prophecy. It is a period of 19 years, after the lapse of which the new and full moon returns to the same day of the year. It was the basis of the Greek calendar and survives in the golden numbers used in determining Easter. The Metonic Cycle correlates lunar time with solar time by bringing the moon's phases into step with solar years, thus emphasizing the importance of both lunar and solar measures." (From "The Fish on the Coals" by Howard B. Rand, DESTINY for January 1950, page 9.)

Royal Academy of Science at Paris, and pronounced sound. Mairan said:

"It was impossible to doubt the facts and discoveries the book contained, but he could not conceive *how* or *why* they had come to be embodied so distinctly in the Holy Scriptures."

Cassini pronounced the conclusions "perfectly consistent with the most exact astronomy."

Dr. Grattan Guinness (who, David Davidson said, did "for the scientific study of prophecy what Euclid did for geometry") admitted that it was through studying de Cheseaux's discoveries that he himself was led to take up the subject, and to put de Cheseaux's findings to practical use.

Taking the above cycle as a basis for calculation, Guinness drew up *Astronomical Tables*, covering more than 600 pages, giving the dates in days, hours and minutes, of all the vernal equinoxes and mean true new moons for 3555 years. This work comprehended 101,217 solar and lunar dates, 87,938 new moons and 4862 true full moons connected with lunar eclipses. In regard to accuracy, he was able to say:

"The correctness of the Tables is proved by their correspondence with historically recorded dates, and especially with more than 12,000 solar and lunar eclipses, ancient and modern, including all the calculated eclipses in Oppolzer's *Canon de Finsternisse*, up to 1934.

"The whole of these Tables have been calculated by means of prophetic Times in the Book of Daniel. Those Times are solilunar cycles of long range and great accuracy; and the adjustment of the whole system of revealed chronology to the time order of nature."*

Testimonials acknowledging the value of these Tables were received from astronomers the world over. Dr. Downing, then Superintendent of the *Nautical Almanac*, stated: "Your Tables may be used with the greatest confidence." B. A. Gould, Harvard Observatory, wrote:

"This extensive work cannot fail to be of great service to investigators of chronological problems, as also to astronomers who require a knowledge of the position of the moon at any date during the interval of 35½ centuries extending from the earliest authentic history to an epoch still in the future."

While evidence such as this should suffice to demonstrate the astronomical importance of these Daniel numbers, it is only a part of what is now available. More recently, another scientist, the late Dr. Bell Dawson, M.A., D.Sc., F.R.S.C., etc., of Canada, upon under-

*On *This Rock* by Guinness, page 150.

taking a closer investigation, made a discovery, the significance of which will be apparent from the following extract, taken from a paper read before the Royal Society of Canada and the Prophecy Investigation Society of London. After pointing out that the highest type of cycle is that which will harmonize the solar year of the seasons with the lunar year of twelve lunations, by bringing the two into a simple arithmetical relation to each other, he says:

"This is the soli-lunar cycle of the first importance; and it stands on a higher plane than any cycles used for calendar purposes. *No solution has been found for this type of cycle, except from the prophetic numbers of Daniel.*"

He goes on to explain how, when reducing the numbers 2300 and 1260 from lunar into solar years, he found that the decimal fractions added up almost to unity; from which he concluded the mean of these periods, or half their sum, should be an exact number of solar years:

$\frac{1}{2}$ (2300 plus 1260) = 1780 lunar = 1727 solar years, the error amounting to only 1 day in 19,937 years.

As the lunar year of twelve lunations is here in accord with the solar year, "this latter cycle, 1727 years," says Bell Dawson, "is thus superior to the 1040 discovered by de Cheseaux which only harmonizes the year with the lunar month."

With this discovery, the last word, it seemed, had been said in regard to the astronomical character of these Daniel cycles. But we still had something else to learn even more astounding, and the information was received from no less a personage than the Astronomer Royal, Greenwich.

It came about in this way. During the second world war, while doing duty in a warden's post one night waiting for the "all-clear," conversation turned to cycles, and upon some of the facts stated above being mentioned, a fellow warden, Dr. R. H. Pelham, M.A., Ph.D., consented to write to the then Astronomer Royal for verification. In reply, Sir Harold Spencer Jones confirmed, and gave precise details of, the 1040 and 1727 cycles as stated above, but pointed out that even far closer relationships exist. For, if the Metonic cycle of 19 years is deducted from each of them:

1021 solar years show an error amounting to 1 day in 59,412 years.

1708 solar years show an error amounting to 1 day in 9,782,300 years.

Such a degree of accuracy as the latter is almost incredible!

Stated in simpler terms, while the 1040 cycle of de Cheseaux shows an error of 1 second in every 63 days, and the 1727 cycle of Bell Dawson shows an error of 1 second in every 84 days, the 1708 cycle brought to our notice by Sir Harold Spencer Jones shows an error of less than 1 second in 100 years! De Cheseaux ended his book on this note:

"I must close with one observation. For many ages the Book of Daniel, and especially these passages of it, have been

quoted and commented on by numerous and various authors, so that it is impossible for a moment to call in question their antiquity. Who can have taught their author the marvellous relation of the periods he selected with soli-lunar revolutions? Is it possible, considering all these points, to fail to recognize in the Author of the Book of Daniel the Creator of the heavens and all their hosts, of the earth and the things that are therein?"

Let us see what the Bible has to say about the 2300 period of days, or years. It is to be observed that in the Scriptures prophetic "days" may also stand for years (see Ez. 4: 6; Num. 14: 34).

In Daniel, chapter 8, verses 3-8, we read of a "ram" being suddenly and ferociously attacked and overcome by a "goat" having a "notable horn"; and that, upon this "horn" being broken, four other "notable horns" would spring up in its place. What does all this mean?

The key is given further on in this chapter, verses 20-22. The Rev. Albert Barnes, in his *Notes on Daniel*, published in 1853, interprets "the ram" as the Medo-Persian empire; "the goat" as Greece; its "notable horn" as Alexander the Great; this "horn" broken as Alexander's death; the springing up in its place of "four notable ones" as the division of his empire between his four generals, Ptolemy, Seleucus, Cassander and Lysimachus. Alexander's death, says Barnes, took place in 323 B.C.: the battle of Ipsus in 301 B.C., following which in that year came the division of the empire.

Later on, it was revealed to Daniel, that a desolating power would spring up in this area which would "wax great," "magnify himself," take away the "daily sacrifice," and "cast down" the sanctuary and "the truth." This answers to Moslem power, which arose in 622 A.D.; Mohammed put himself before Moses and Christ. His followers put the Koran before the Bible. Daniel learned that the sanctuary shall be trodden underfoot for 2300 days (vv. 13-14) — "Then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

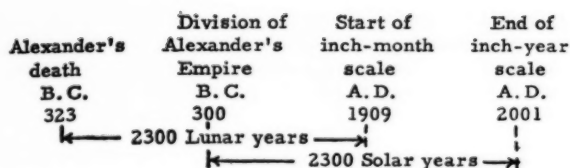
Dealing with these same chronological factors in relation to the Great Pyramid's revelation-measures, Mr. David Davidson gave 300 B.C. as the final date from which 2300 solar years are to be measured. He stated:

"When Dan. 8: 21-22, concerning the prophecy of 2300 'evening-mornings,' states that 'four kingdoms shall stand up out of the nation (Grecia)' after its first king (Alexander) — referring to the first dominant king succeeding the domination of Medo-Persia — we see clearly that the event described is the final partitioning of Alexander's empire in 300 B.C.

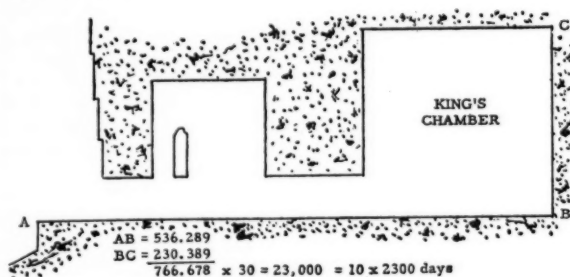
"This date, therefore, is the final date for the commencement of the 2300 Autumn Equinoctial years, as 6000 A.D. (2001 A.D.) is the final date for the termination of the period." (*The Great Pyramid: Its Divine Message*, p. 393.)

What Davidson omitted to state was that 2300 lunar* years from Alexander's death, 323 B.C., ended 1909 A.D. — his date for the Top of the Great Step in the Great Pyramid. Hence these two starting-points for the cleansing of the sanctuary period end respectively on the years shown in the Great Pyramid as defining the Time of the End.

*The 2300 Sanctuary Cycle, says Guinness, "runs out both on the lunar and solar scales, and its various termini fall within 'the time of the end.'" (*Light For the Last Days*, p. 298.)

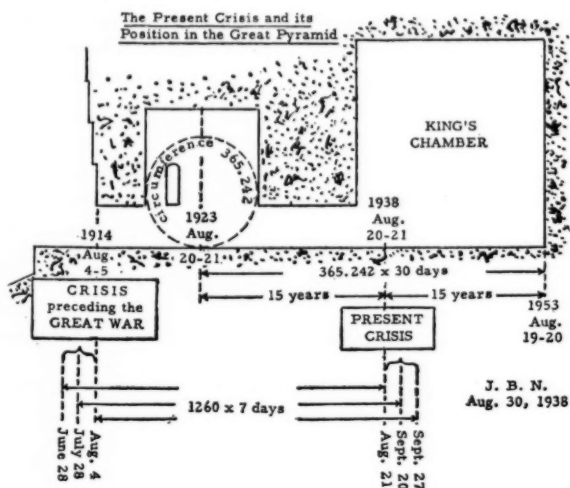


It must be nearly twenty-five years since it was noticed that if the inch 30-day scale were continued from the floor to the ceiling of the King's Chamber (230.389 P" = 6912 days), this, added to the Horizontal Floor Line, August 2, 1909 to August 20, 1953, represents, in days, 10×2300 days.



In the mouth of two or more witnesses a matter is "established" (Deut. 19: 15) and, unbelievable though it may seem to be, there is still another period of 10×2300 days defined in the Great Pyramid's Chronograph ending on Davidson's final date, September 17, 2001.

An article in *The National Message* for September 7, 1938, with the chart below, showed a chain of seven times 1260 days to be then expiring from the International Crisis which brought Britain into the Great War on August 4, 1914. Would the crisis then developing (now referred to as the Munich Crisis) reach a climax accordingly on September 27?



When the above diagram was prepared, August 30, 1938, the crisis was in its early stages, but, as time went on, its resemblance to that of 1914 became apparent and attention was drawn to the fact in the press. For instance:

"There is an uncomfortable resemblance with 1914." (*News Chronicle*, Sept. 10, 1938.)

"The most dangerous situation Europe has faced since July 1914." (*Birmingham Post*, Sept. 12, 1938.)

"Time marches back! Two moments in history fuse — August 1914, when the world wondered, doubted and trembled. September 1938, when the world wonders, doubts and trembles." (*Daily Mirror*, Sept. 16, 1938.)

"Mr. Chamberlain has striven to the last . . . to hold up and reverse the same fatalistic slither into the abyss . . . which carried agonized Europe away in August 1914." (*The Times*, Sept. 23, 1938.)

The late F. M. Lawson often referred to what he detected to be a "Law of Terminals" operating in the day-periods — circumstances at the start corresponding with those at the close. This was certainly in evidence in connection with the above.

In a later article, published November 23, 1938, each link of this 1260-day chain was shown to have ended with a critical short period and event for Britain.

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
1914	1917-18	1921	1924	1928	1931	1935	1938
June Aug.	Dec. Jan.	May June	Nov. Dec.	Apr. May	Sept. Nov.	Mar. Apr.	Aug. Sept.
28 - 4	9 - 15	22 - 28	2 - 9	15 - 22	27 - 3	10 - 16	21 - 27
← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →	← 1260 →
← 7 x 1260 days →							

- 1) British occupation of Jerusalem.
December 9, 1917 — A new era began under British rule.
- 2) End of Great Industrial Crisis.
June 28, 1921 — settlement reached — a more peaceable era began in British industry.
- 3) End of First Socialist Government.
December 9, 1924 — New Parliament meets.
- 4) End of 1914 Emergency Currency.
May 22, 1938 — New Currency Bill passed.
- 5) End of Britain's Economic Crisis.
November 3, 1931 — New National Parliament assemblies.
- 6) Hitler proclaimed German remilitarization.
April 16, 1935 — Condemned by Britain before League Council.
- 7) Great European Crisis.
September 27, 1938 — Turn of the Crisis.

How it ended is still a memory for most of us. Europe on the brink of war; then, about midnight on September 27, a "last letter" from Chamberlain to Hitler brought appeasement, just as exactly 7×1260 days previously, midnight, August 4, 1914, Britain's "last word" to Germany had brought war.

But the chief interest of the above diagram lies in the fact that this 1260 chain dovetails exactly into the Great Pyramid's final passage system — seven times 1260 days from June 28, 1914, the assassination of the Austrian Archduke Francis Ferdinand ended exactly halfway between August 20-21, 1923 and August 19-20, 1953. Seven times 1260 from the August 4, 1914 entry into First Low Passage ended September 27, 1938, which the late Brian Cannon observed fell exactly 10×2300 days prior to September 17, 2001!

First Low Passage entered	Munich climax	Great Pyramid's 6,000 years end
1914	1938	2001
Aug.	Sept.	Sept.
4 (midnight)	27 (midnight)	17

The significance of the above two periods should not be overlooked:

1260 — as a prophetic period in the Scriptures, always occurs in connection with *Trial and Tribulation*.

2300 — applies to a *Cleansing Process* at the End of the Age.

"It is evident that the 2300 years of the cleansing of the sanctuary cycle indicate, not so much a closing year, as a closing era, not so much a point as a process." (*Light For the Last Days*, Guinness, p. 309.)

We have referred to the Laver at the entrance of the Tabernacle for the cleansing of everything and everyone prior to admittance there. Now before the entrance of the Temple stood *ten* Lavens, as well as a large one, *10 cubits* in diameter, called the "molten sea" (I Kings 7: 23, 38); all emphasizing the essential need for cleansing before passing into God's Presence. Prior to Christ's reign on earth, Israel is to be *completely cleansed*:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you." (Ez. 36: 25-26.)

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should not be overlooked that two swords are mentioned. One sword is in the hand of the aggressor, he who attacks; the other sword is in the hand of the defender, he who is prepared to oppose aggression. What Jesus intimated here was that the aggressor would ultimately be destroyed by the sword in the hand of the defender. This implies a motive quite different from the Hindu's accusation that our nation has been guilty of "wantonly killing millions of innocent men and women and children, all in the name of God." No war was ever fought by this nation with wanton killing as its objective.

At one time our Lord asked the disciples about their means of defense. When they informed Him they had two swords, He replied, "It is enough" (Luke 22: 38). He did not tell His disciples to disarm themselves completely by disposing of those two swords.

It is reported that Mr. Harris demanded of the Hindu, "Don't we have a right, an obligation, to fight against injustice and wickedness and tyranny?" The Hindu's inane reply was, "Yes, you must fight against it — but in your own minds and souls." The Scriptures give an affirmative response to Mr. Harris' question, but with definite facts to show why this is true.

Certain nations, because of their evil designs and objectives, come under Divine condemnation. The nation whose leader was Amalek was one. The Lord said He would have "war with Amalek from generation to generation" because he had raised his hand against the throne of the Lord (Ex. 17: 16). Later on the

How fitting to find, therefore, in the day-periods and that part of the Great Pyramid which represents the Time of the End, the numbers "10" and "2300" together, indicating a period of complete cleansing.

In II Esdras we read:

"The more thou searchest, the more thou shalt marvel; for the world [world system] hasteth fast to pass away." (II Esdras 4: 26.)

In all this have we not cause to marvel? How came these rare astronomical periods to be identified with Bible prophecy? How are we to explain the marvellous synchronization of Bible chronology with the Great Pyramid? Guinness wrote in 1886:

"The selection and employment of this period (2300) is an unanswerable proof of the inspiration of the book of Daniel, and was felt to be such by M. de Cheseaux. It would be a million chances to one that such a cycle could have been employed by accident. If selected intentionally as a cycle, it must have been by Him who timed the movements of the sun and moon in their orbits."*

Guinness knew nothing of the day-periods or the system of chronology enshrined in the Great Pyramid. More and more, as we pursue this subject with an open mind, will the conviction grow within us that, as God was the Author of the Bible, God was also the Architect of the Great Pyramid; and that He has been, and still is, overruling human history in conformity with His plan and timetable for this world.

**Light For the Last Days*, pp. 297-298.

Lord instructed His people that they were to "blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven" and the Divine stipulation was: "Thou shalt not forget it" (Deut. 25: 19).

However, God's people failed to adhere to this instruction and in modern times it has been completely forgotten. Therefore, this ancient incorrigible foe, today represented by those who have come into power in Soviet Russia, continues to clearly demonstrate that his hand is still against the throne of the Lord. Whether the Hindu likes it or not, it will take the sword today, *i.e.*, modern guns and planes and warships, to destroy the aggressive evil of the great Communist conspiracy. No amount of passive resistance will overcome these despotic tyrants, as he will learn to his own sorrow when India comes under attack. Only force can meet force and destroy the planned aggression of the Great Confederacy under the leadership of the Kremlin in Moscow.

The Hindu reminded Mr. Harris that Christians are to love their neighbors, which is quite true, but this exhortation to the individual cannot be applied in the same way to national policy. Even so, the admonition to love your neighbor does not mean you shall become an accessory to his unrighteous conduct. To contend that, in the matter of administering justice, a nation should adopt such an attitude toward the thief, the rapist and the murderer would bring about the surrender of righteousness to evil and confound the innocent.

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ESAU AND JACOB IN PROPHECY

By C. R. Dickey

AMONG THE BOOKS of the Minor Prophets there is one titled Obadiah. This book consists of only twenty-one verses, and is the shortest in the Bible. Little is known concerning the author. His name means "Servant of Jehovah." Some have identified him with the courtier in the palace of Ahab; some with the overseer of the workmen in II Chronicles 34: 12; but, as one commentator says, "the silence of Scripture is in significant contrast with the anxiety of men to know something about him."

All that the book claims to be is *The Vision of Obadiah*. It has not been involved in controversies regarding the law; neither is it mentioned specifically in the New Testament. Yet the prophecy of Obadiah's vision is of such singular import that it has been preserved in a book all to itself. It is concerned with one purpose only, and nothing extraneous to its singleness of purpose was added.

Obadiah's prophetic vision has not been understood by Bible scholars generally because it was written for a time so far removed from the prophet's era that it has not been fulfilled even yet, in the twentieth century, A.D. Commentators as a rule have agreed that the prophecy was completely fulfilled in the pre-Christian era, but we shall see later that this conclusion is untenable:

"The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumor from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle." (Verse 1.)

Thus Obadiah's prophecy concerns Edom, and the first thing the prophet heard was a call to the nations to rise up in battle against Edom. Now who was Edom? The word "Edom" means "red," and was a second name Esau acquired when he sold his birthright to his brother

Jacob for red pottage (Gen. 25: 30). The descendants of Esau or Edom, and others incorporated with them, were known as Edomites, that is, "Reds" (Gen. 36: 1-19). Later the Greeks and Romans called them Idumeans.

Next the prophet was given some marks by which Edom could be identified in the day of battle. They are stated in verses 2-5, and read as follows:

"Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. The pride of thine heart hath deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground? Though thou exalt thyself as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou cut off!) would they not have stolen till they had enough? If the grape gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some grapes?"

Comparatively small in number; small in honor, not merely despised, but "greatly despised"; arrogant, "Who shall bring me down to the ground?"; notoriously ambitious for money and power, exalting themselves "as the eagle"; and rapacious beyond all measure or mercy. Even gleaners of grapes would leave a few for others. But the greed of these people is insatiable. They covet all for themselves. These are the marks of Esau-Edom.

After divulging the characteristics of these people, the Lord tells Obadiah how He is going to deal with them in the latter days. We quote Moffatt's vivid reading of verses 6-9:

"But what a ransacking of Edom!
What a rifling of her treasures!
You are driven to the very border;
And your allies have betrayed you,
Your confederates have dislodged you,
Laying plots to discomfit you,
Plots you had no wit to see.

Will not that be the day, says the
Eternal,
When I wipe out all the astute from
Edom,
And the shrewd men from Esau's
ranges?
Teman, even your heroes will be
terrified!
'Twill be a clean sweep of all Esau."

From Obadiah's striking vision it is certain that those who so readily deceive others shall, in time, find themselves deceived and betrayed. The next verses, 10-16, state the specific charge against Esau, which will ultimately bring his race to an end. Both the charge and the sentence are declared briefly in verse 10:

"For thy violence against thy brother Jacob shame shall cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever."

Esau's hatred of Jacob was manifested even in the household of their parents, Isaac and Rebekah. His violent nature is revealed in Genesis 27: 41:

"And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob."

In character Esau was profane and worldly, with no devotion to things noble or sacred. It meant nothing to him to be a channel of God's blessings to the world; therefore, he "despised" his birthright. As Dr. H. H. Halley says in his *Handbook*:

"Jacob was no angel, but compared to Esau he was immensely more fit to be the father of God's Messianic nation."

Esau-Edom's vengeance against the house of Jacob-Israel has been a tremendous factor in world history for more than twenty-five hundred years. Obadiah's prophecy shows how Edom would harass Israel in times of crises through the centuries. Moffatt's version reads:

"'Tis for the outrage to your brother Jacob you are disgraced, destroyed! For when you stood aloof, as foreigners bore off his goods, As aliens invaded him and cast lots from Jerusalem, you were as one of them. Never should you have gloated over your brother's fate on his day of disaster, Never have exulted over the men of Judah upon their day of ruin, Never have laughed aloud on the day of distress; Never should you have entered the gates of my people on the day of their calamity, Never have gloated over their agony . . . never have looted their goods. Never have stood at the passes to cut off their fugitives, Never betrayed their survivors, on the day of distress. As you did then, so it is done to you: Your deeds recoil on your own head."

The foregoing accusations refer to Edom's treachery when dangers threatened the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. King Saul fought against the Edomites (I Sam. 14: 47); and David put garrisons in Edom to curb their violence and bring them into subjection (I Chron. 18: 13). In the reign of Ahaz, when Judah was attacked by Pekah and Rezin, the Edomites invaded Judah and carried away captives (II Chron. 28: 17). Furthermore, they rejoiced when Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and deported its citizens to Babylonia. In sorrow over this calamity, a Psalmist prayed:

"Remember, O Lord, the children of Edom in the day of Jerusalem; who said, Rase it, rase it, even to the foundation thereof." (Ps. 137: 7.)

Long before Judah surrendered to Babylon, the northern Kingdom of Israel, and 200,000 men of Judah, had been transported to Assyria (II Kings 18: 13). They migrated later to other regions but few, if any, ever returned to Palestine. Concerning the period following the captivities, Dr. John D. Davis says in his *Dictionary of the Bible*:

"When the captivity of the two tribes (two-tribed Judah) rendered the territory of Judah somewhat destitute of inhabitants, the Edomites seized on it as far as Hebron, and were themselves supplanted in mount Seir by the Nabathæan Arabs. Judas Maccabæus retook

Hebron and the other towns which the Edomites had occupied (I Mac. 5: 65; Antiq. 12: 8, 6). John Hyrcanus compelled the Edomites to submit to the rite of circumcision, and incorporated them with the Jewish people (Antiq. 13: 9, 1). The Herods were Idumeans, i.e., Edomites. Many of the Zealots who took part in the defense of Jerusalem against the Romans, and were almost as dangerous to their fellow citizens as to the enemy, were also Idumeans."

Dr. Davis concludes by saying, "After this the tribe is little heard of again in history." It would be more accurate to say that it was not heard of in subsequent history as an Edomite or Idumean tribe. This does not mean, however, that the Esau people were extinct, far from it; as we have seen, they were assimilated by the Jews about 126 B.C. In this merger they lost their identity as Edomites or Idumeans, but their aggressive nature asserted itself to such an extent that, by the time Jesus was born, Herod the Great, an Edomite king under the Roman Government, was in control of Judea. Thus the conquered Edomites soon became the predominant factor in the consolidation of Esau and the mixed remnant known as Jews. This same combine, augmented through the centuries with various groups of non-Israelitish proselytes, constitutes world Jewry as it exists today.

These are the facts concerning Judea at the time of our Lord's Advent. They are not mere prejudiced notions, as some believe, but are matters of record for all who care enough to investigate. They explain why Jesus had so much trouble with the authorities of His time, and why His followers were persecuted because they believed in Him. The Pharisees, scribes and Sadducees perverted all Scriptural truths, "teaching for doctrines the commandments of men" (Mark 7: 7). Caiaphas the high priest proposed the death of Jesus; it was at his palace that plans were laid for the arrest of Jesus; also he was largely responsible for the judicial murder of our Lord. The Edomite infiltration played an important part in the subversion of both Church and State. Hence, Jesus charged His disciples, saying:

"Take heed, beware of the leaven of

the Pharisees, and of the leaven of Herod." (Mark 8: 15.)

Let us return now to Obadiah's prophecy and find out who it is that the Lord is going to raise up in battle against Esau when the day of reckoning comes. The answer is in verses 17-18:

"But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions. And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it."

Moffatt's reading of these sentences seems to bring out the meaning a bit clearer, especially in the last clause of verse 17. Speaking of Esau's survivors in the final conflict, the Lord said:

"But your survivors shall hold Sion hill, and it shall be inviolate; The house of Jacob shall regain their heritage. For the house of Jacob shall be fire, and Joseph's house a flame, With Esau's house like straw to be kindled and consumed, Till not a soul is left of Esau's house — by order of the Eternal."

Clearly it is the house of Jacob which will supplant Esau-Jewry, according to the prophecy. But where was the twelve-tribed house of Israel when Jesus and His disciples trod the highways of Judea? A few from that house were in the land, though they kept themselves apart from the Jews who were in authority. Some were Benjamites, some were Levites, and some were descendants of David's royal line. In the main these people lived in the region of Galilee and were called Galileans. (See I Kings 11: 32-36.) Jesus chose most of His disciples from that area. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke carefully document the fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her husband Joseph, were of the house and lineage of David.

But where were the main bodies of Israel at that time? James tells us in the first sentence of his Epistle, which reads:

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting."

Peter addresses his First Epistle to the same people and mentions some of the places where they lived:

"Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, *elect* according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace be unto you, and peace, be multiplied."

Note that James says, "to the *twelve tribes* scattered abroad" — not just ten tribes, mind you, but twelve. Remember the obvious fact that this great multitude of Israelites never lived in Palestine after the Assyrian and Babylonian Captivities. They were not in Judea when our Lord was there, and were never a part of the Jewish nation. They constitute the true house of Jacob-Israel, and during all their migrations westward in their various tribal groups through many centuries they never called themselves Jews.

Speaking in a parable to the chief priests and elders, Jesus said:

"Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes? Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21: 42-43.)

They understood what He meant, and "perceived that he spake of them."

After this sentence went into effect, there was no longer a nation of the Jews, nor a corporate body known as Edom. There remained only scattered remnants of Esau-Jewry, who had sealed their own doom by saying of Jesus: "His blood be upon us, and on our children" (Matt. 27: 25). If these people had been genuine Israelites of the everlasting covenant, they would have recognized and accepted Jesus as the Christ.

All that was precious in God's sight departed from the Holy Land when the Christians fled from the area prior to the siege and destruction of Jerusalem by the Roman legions under Titus in 70 A.D. They had remembered the words of their Lord:

"When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies . . . flee to the mountains." (Luke 21: 20-21.)

After the flight, they joined the westward trek of Israel and planted the Gospel wherever they went. They were ready to begin the work assigned to them in Amos 9: 14:

"I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them."

Isaiah told of a time when Israel's clans would assemble in the Isles northwest of Palestine. It was there that the house of Joseph was to fulfill Jacob's prophecy in Genesis 48, and become recognizable in its twofold role, as the Ephraim commonwealth of nations, and the Manasseh "great people" or nation.

Two points in Obadiah's prophecy indicate unmistakably that its final phase is yet to be accomplished. First, it declares that "the house of Jacob shall regain their heritage" before the last conflict with Esau; and, second, that the whole house of Jacob would become "a fire" and "Joseph's house a flame" that literally consumes the "straw" house of Esau.

It was not until the rise of Western power in modern times, and especially Anglo-Saxon power, that anything comparable to the statements in Obadiah's vision could have been fulfilled in historic events. Yet the gathering of various kindred peoples on Europe's west coast, in Britain's Isles near and far, in Canada, and in the United States of America, is an exact replica of the Jacob-Israel-Joseph expansion as outlined in the Scriptures for the end-time of "the latter days." (For verification, read the Book of Genesis.) They are further identified by their Christian faith, and the fact that they have taken the Gospel to the world, as commissioned by Jesus Himself. Isaiah had declared that Israel must do this work and thus be a light to the heathen world.

These facts of prophecy and history bring us to the ultimate showdown between Esau and Jacob. "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance," declared Obadiah. Mount Zion is the holy place which God

has reserved for Himself; He called Jerusalem "the city which I have chosen me to put my name there" (I Kings 11: 36). It was the seat of David's reign over all Israel; it will be the place of Christ's throne and government, when "the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David": then, "he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1: 32-33).

Today, however, we do not find the Lord's redeemed people in Palestine. Instead, we find Esau-Jewry ensconced there in defiant unbelief, claiming to hold in perpetuity God's Holy Land and City. If one would find the hand of Esau now, he must look for it in the midst of world Jewry. Esau-Zionists are masquerading as Israel, though they bear none of the identification marks of the latter-day house of Jacob. On the contrary, they bear a striking resemblance to Esau, as described in Obadiah's prophecy. Let us check them again in this connection.

In the day of retribution, they will be "small" in number, compared to heathen multitudes or to the great nations of Jacob's house. They will be "greatly despised." And no wonder! In his *Commentary on Obadiah*, Dr. George Adam Smith says of the wise men of Edom: "It is a race which has given to history only the Herods — clever, scheming, ruthless statesmen, as able as they were false and bitter, as shrewd in policy as they were destitute of ideals." Inordinate desire for personal power and advantage. "Whose habitation is high" — symbolic of their love for ivory towers and display of grandeur. Arrogant — "Who shall bring me down to the ground?" Self-exaltation, and ambition to "nest among the stars."

We see them today as they maneuver to outwit and destroy the Christian nations of Jacob — the only deterrent to their goal of world conquest. There are three important factors in Esau's strategy against Jacob: namely, the "red woe" of Communism, the weapon for subjugating all governments and all mankind; the manipulation of finance in all countries, so as to bankrupt the citizens and leave the manipulators in possession of all valuable tangible assets; the subver-

sion of Christian faith and practice by corrupting both secular and religious institutions of learning, and by a continuous deluge of immorality through every channel of publicity.

There is not a more deceptive fallacy than the prattle about "our Judeo-Christian faith." This popular fad is based on the false assumption that Christianity is an outgrowth of Judaism. Jesus made some remarks to the scribes, Pharisees and hypocrites which should set any one straight on that point. They read as follows:

"Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?" (Matt. 23: 31-33.)

Would you say that Jesus based the Christian faith on the Judaism of these men? Or does it seem more consistent to say that the faith inspired by His Gospel is based on the teachings of Moses and the prophets?

Perhaps it should be said that in this discussion we are not considering men as individuals, but as influential groups in society. Worthy individuals can be found in Esau-Jewry, and the unworthy can be

spotted in Jacob's family. But here we are thinking about mass movements, and power-mad, unscrupulous men, whose aim is to wrest God's Kingdom on earth from Christ the King of Glory.

"Edom," says Wordsworth, "is a type of worldly wisdom and secular policy, as well as of unbrotherly enmity to God's people. In both respects the punishment of Edom is a warning to all the Machiavellian politicians in these latter days."

We know from Obadiah's prophecy that Esau was to be in possession of Palestine at the end of the age, for it is there that annihilation awaits them. It is evident, then, that the present occupation of the land by Esau-Zionists is a part of the Divine plan. They are the "inhabitants of Jerusalem" who have said to the whole house of Israel:

"Get you far from the Lord: unto us is this land given in possession." (Ez. 11: 15.)

In spite of such boasting, these usurpers will soon meet their fate in the very land and city which God claims as His own.

The battle line is being drawn between Esau and Jacob. Jacob is loathe to enter the struggle; he is in a hesitant and compromising state of mind. Esau is forcing the issue, impatient to claim a victory which seems so near and sure. But God

has had another plan for a long time. "Upon mount Zion shall be deliverance," He said. "Jacob shall be a fire . . . and Joseph a flame . . . and Esau for stubble . . . and there shall not be any remaining of the house of Esau — for the Lord hath spoken it."

Esdras the Prophet asked the Lord this question:

"What shall be the parting asunder of the times? Or when shall be the end of the first, and the beginning of it that followeth?" (II Esdras 6: 7.)

The Lord answered and said:

"From Abraham unto Isaac, when Jacob and Esau were born of him, Jacob's hand held first the heel of Esau. For Esau is the end of the world, and Jacob is the beginning of it that followeth." (II Esdras 6: 8-9.)

Goodspeed's translation gives a more accurate reading of verse 9:

"For Esau is the end of this age, and Jacob is the beginning of the one that follows."

Jeremiah said of Israel's last tribulation: "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it." Thus the domination of Esau-Jewry ends to make way for the beginning of a New Order of the Ages in Jacob, whose name, "Israel," signifies "ruling with God."

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"Jewish leaders in the West fear that Khrushchev is about to launch a new anti-Jewish drive in Russia. The State publishing house in Moscow has just put out a violent anti-Jewish diatribe, under the title: 'The State of Israel; its position and policy.' More than 100 thousand copies have already been sold and it is being quoted almost daily by Radio Moscow.

"Both Jewish and Israeli leaders fear that the ordinary Russian will be encouraged to identify local Russian Jewry with Israel which is denounced as 'an evil creation whose whole purpose is to serve the Imperialists.'"

Geographically speaking, it is a long way from Tel-Aviv to Tibet. But the wanton destruction of the Dalai Lama's palace of Potala (Lhasa), timed to occur when the Western world was celebrating Easter, shows that small nations can expect no mercy from the Reds whether they are Russian or Chinese.

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It is the failure "to rightly divide the word of truth" (II Tim. 2: 15) and the inability to differentiate between the instructions given for individual conduct and the directives for national defense and survival which have caused so much confusion and misunderstanding. Because of the lack of comprehension of

certain fundamental principles, a heathen Hindu can silence a man like Mr. Harris when he should have been able, not only to defend his position, but to present ample conclusive evidence that the establishment of Divine righteousness requires militant, aggressive opposition to evil in all of its ramifications.

The Lord of hosts is the Lord of battles and He will lead His people in the conflict against all unrighteousness. It is He who has declared that, when His enemies and the enemies of His Kingdom choose to fight, and at the same time when His people turn to Him in righteousness, He will go with them into battle (Deut. 20: 4) to assure victory over every aggressive assault. God has never repealed the law given to the nation that every man twenty years old and upward shall be trained for war so that His people may oppose all those whose purpose is evil and whose desire is to dominate and control through violent subjugation.

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IN ASIA, China is moving to tighten her grip and the Tibetan tragedy is only one example of this. Far more important, Russia is working toward a bold attempt to gain total control of the Middle East oil supplies upon which Europe depends and to create a Communist threat to the United States in the Caribbean area. In other words, there is a three-pronged attempt to outflank: 1) the neutral Asian bloc; 2) Western Europe; and 3) the U.S.A. Berlin may prove to be important but, whether it does or does not, the fact remains that the Western Powers have been induced to keep quiet and do nothing while the vast movement described unfolds itself and rolls on. We have been persuaded that Berlin is vital and that nothing whatsoever must be said or done to disturb the atmosphere required for a Summit conference about Berlin.

We realize, of course, that public opinion is dead tired of all this. Russia has done everything possible to make us tired, bored, indifferent and apathetic. Such an atmosphere is essential to Russian policy. An alert free world would be fatal to Russia. However difficult it may be to keep awake, we do urge that the greatest issues since the end of World War II will arise before 1959 is out, and it is imperative to keep awake if the dangers now in preparation in three vital areas are to be overcome. Everyone feels this lethargy. It is very widespread. Unhappily, there is none in the Kremlin and none in China. It would be fatal if we allowed ourselves to relax when we are within sight of decisive issues upon which the whole future of the world will depend.

Anyone with an ordinary radio receiving set can find out for himself that there is something very wrong in the whole Caribbean area. The air is full of inflammatory broadcasts from both official and clandestine radio stations. The whole air is full of war and revolution. In most of the Caribbean area countries, illiteracy is still high and, as a result, the radio has a considerable influence. In the most miserable village shacks, radio sets are turned on full blast most of the time.

The country most directly in danger today is Nicaragua, where President Somoza's regime is under sharp attack by an influential popular front. The forces opposing Somoza are based on units of the Caribbean Legion made up of Nicaraguans and Hondurans who fought with Castro and have now been sent by the Cuban Government to Costa Rica and Honduras. These comprise about 300 men, to whom can be added a certain number of volunteers from countries in which the Legion is not represented.

Pressure on the government of Panama has been increasing. Since the beginning of April, guerrilla forces

have begun operating in the north. They are doing roughly what Castro did in the early days of his campaign and seem to be operating on a long-term plan. They do not count on complete success before one or two years. Nevertheless, this movement should be very closely watched, because its ultimate objective is the Panama Canal. If a regime analogous to that of Castro in Cuba were to be set up in Panama, the U. S. situation in the Canal Zone would be serious.

Aircraft from the United States, formerly full of tourists to Cuba are now running about half empty. It is somewhat surprising that any visitors at all go to Cuba. Their reception is very different from what it was in the past. It used to be somewhat bureaucratic, but correct and friendly. The airport authorities now, however, are some kind of bearded gangsters, who lounge around and seem to like annoying new arrivals. Their behavior is rude and sometimes openly insulting. Their language is frequently shockingly obscene.

The hotels in Havana are, without exception, almost empty. Hotel workers of all categories hang around cursing the "liberation." People have not yet learned how to keep silent. But arrests of people who talk too much have already begun and include some of those who fought with Castro but who have been saying too loudly that the present state of affairs is not what they fought for. The secret police are active and denunciation is becoming a profitable racket.

The economic situation of Cuba is deplorable. Although no statistics are available, unemployment is obviously widespread. The currency is depreciating and, despite strict controls, there is a flourishing black market. This chaos is entirely the fault of the present government.

Much has been said about the executions. According to the press, the number is a little over 500. Your observer, however, has been able to learn on the best authority that the real number is about 3,750. Most of the provincial executions have not been disclosed to the press. Many of the executions were without trial.

Castro is probably not a Communist but he is something possibly even more dangerous — a deluded Anarcho-Trotskyist of a type not uncommon in Latin America. He is certainly not against the Communists; in fact, he is surrounded by them, but it seems that he is not a party man — fortunately perhaps for the Cuban Communists. Castro has a Napoleonic complex. He thinks of himself as the representative of a coming generation — a future leader of the Caribbean and Central America. He is determined to rule all these countries — he calls it “liberation” — and is prepared to use force to achieve his ambitions. He hates the

United States. All told, Castro is an extremely dangerous man from whom rational reactions should not be expected. In the meantime the real political decisions, while ostensibly made by him, are mostly initiated by a few articulate and dangerous men in his entourage.

Although practically nothing can be done in Cuba today without Castro, yet, he does very little except on the initiative of his immediate colleagues, and it is therefore important to know something about these men who have the real power. The most important man is Castro's brother and successor-designate, Raul Castro, an undoubtedly intelligent young man. If Castro is a born demagogue, his brother Raul is a typical man of power — a dictator with no moral compunctions whatsoever. He is a cynical and openly avowed atheist, with considerable political talent. It is difficult precisely to define his political creed. He says that he is not a Communist; but in talking with him it is difficult to discover anything which distinguishes him from the Communist Party. He likes the Communists, is surrounded by them, gives them all the positions he can, and makes no secret of the fact that he likes the Communist countries which he has visited. He is outspoken in his dislike for America and about the necessity for recognizing the Communists. He is quite decided in stating that in the event of general war Cuba should not be on the side of the United States. He is today the second man in the country and responsible for many of the decisions. If Fidel Castro should go, Raul would take over. He is already putting all his men into suitable ministries. He is a most dangerous man.

Castro's own movement is largely penetrated by the Communists. Its press is already in Communist hands, so are a number of its executive offices. The Communists are steadily putting their men into key positions. Thanks to Castro and his government, the Communists are now nearer to taking over all power in Cuba, even if they let Castro remain as a figurehead.

The threat from Fidel Castro's regime is far more grave than is generally supposed in Europe or even in the U. S. Castro may look like a comic opera dictator and he may seem unbalanced but behind him are forces which constitute a grave menace to the free world in an area of great strategic importance. Whether he is a Communist or not, Castro is an important tool of the Soviet Union. That is the first inescapable fact to be grasped. The noncommittal attitude of Washington and some of the pious declarations which have come from certain U. S. quarters seem to overlook the fact that the Cuban revolution is not a local Cuban problem but an international threat.

As for the immediate future, there will probably be some slowing down until the sugar harvest is over. But the situation will probably become critical in September unless, in the meantime, Castro is put on the defensive. If he is left with the initiative, he will probably act, and it is important not to be deceived by a lull between now and the fall. There is no justification whatsoever for complacency.

The Communist Party is now working at full blast and virtually dominates the streets of Baghdad. Amongst the strict followers of the Communist Party

line in the government are the head of the Military Tribunal, Colonel Fadhil el Madahwi; the Minister of Economics, Kubbah; the Finance Minister, Hadid; the head of Radio Baghdad, Major Fakhry. It is to be noted that Baghdad Radio increasingly refers to Iraq not as the Iraqi Republic but as the "Iraqi People's Democracy." Kassem is no longer his own master or that of his decisions. He is completely in Soviet hands and is doing what he is told to do. How far he likes this situation it is impossible to say but the fact is that he collaborates one hundred per cent.

Behind the official government, the Communist Party has already set up a "shadow" government consisting mostly of publicly unknown men. Although not yet in the limelight, they are the men who will eventually take over. Some of them already work behind the Ministry of Defense. The Communists have also created a strong, well-armed and well-disciplined militia. Some estimates give it a strength of 50,000 — including 10,000 women. The possibility of a showdown in the near future cannot be excluded.

Turkey is deeply concerned about the crisis on the Syrian frontier. The best Turkish observers say that they cannot rule out the possibility of war in Syria. Turkey would view with the deepest possible concern the establishment of Communist forces on the Mediterranean coast close to the Turkish frontier.

Syria gives one the impression of a country on the brink of war. The Army is mobilized and military measures cover practically the whole frontier with Iraq. Forces which only a few months ago were standing on the frontiers of Jordan and Turkey have now been moved to the Iraqi frontier. According to Syrian Intelligence, there are also big Iraqi troop concentrations on the other side of the border. The most competent observers in Syria are unanimous in saying that the Syrian Army will not be able to withstand the Iraqi forces in the event of war. Some neutral observers say that it would disintegrate in a matter of hours.

There is great concern about the possibility of war between the U.A.R. and Iraq in Syria. Jordan is not afraid of the Iraqi Army, since it considers its own equal to it, if not better; but Jordanians are convinced that, whatever help Syria might receive from Egypt, an armed conflict would be a walkover for Iraq. Indeed, it is said in Jordan that the word "war" would be a misnomer, because there would be only a triumphant march of Iraqi forces through Syria and there would be no time for any outside force to intervene. Rightly or wrongly, it is believed in Jordan that Israel would not intervene. It is realized, however, that if Iraq were to conquer Syria and then move into the Lebanon, the position of Jordan would be extremely difficult and dangerous. The best observers in Jordan say that they expect war between Iraq and the U.A.R. probably in the second half of 1959.

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THE BIBLE - A NATIONAL BOOK

By Rev. E. J. Springett

VERILY AND INDEED the Bible is the Book of the nation! It contains the nation's history; it records the story of the origin of the people who comprise the nation, and tells of their organization and training. It proclaims their establishment as a "kingdom of priests and an holy nation" — the word "holy" being used with the distinct meaning of "set-apartness," to coin a word. It records the giving of a Divine Constitution and Code of Laws, consisting of the Commandments, Statutes and Judgments of Jehovah, to be regarded and used as the basis of administration and management of its national affairs. The Bible tells the story of other nations insofar as they came in contact with "the nation," and only so far as their history impinged upon the history of Israel; for Israel was, and is, the nation of which the Bible is the national possession.

The New Testament records the story of the redemption of Israel. Day by day we proclaim: "Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, Who hath visited and redeemed His people," and that the Redeemer came to be "a Light to lighten the Gentiles, and the Glory of His people Israel." We read of the eager inquiry of the disciples of the Redeemer, "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6), and note that the fact of the restoration was not denied, but only the time period of the ultimate happening withheld.

We note the triumphant declaration of Paul, "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew" (Rom. 11:2) and realize the inner meaning of the further statement:

"If the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? . . . If the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them

be, but life from the dead?" (Rom. 11:12 & 15.)

We go on to that great day when this same Israel, at last alive to their destiny and responsibility, will have, by the grace of God, and through the power granted by Him, helped to bring about that Glorious Eventuality when the Kingdoms of the world shall become the Kingdoms of our God and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever.

We are quite ready to agree that God does not love us more than any other nation because of any intrinsic merit of our own. We remember with humility the statement of Moses to Israel of old, still applicable to us today:

"The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers." (Deut. 7:7-8.)

There is the root of the whole matter. God made a covenant with our forefathers. That covenant He ratified and confirmed to three generations, and then He ratified it again by an oath, in order (as the writer of the Epistle to the Hebrews so clearly states) "that by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation" (Heb. 6:18).

Among the many things that belong to our national inheritance, there is nothing of greater importance than this same Abrahamic Covenant which is the basic charter of our race. Through it we are the inheritors of the promises made by God to the fathers, and by virtue of that heritage we are charged with the responsibility of acting in accordance with the Divine will and purpose. The covenant is unconditional. No conduct of ours can alter

its terms. It is irrevocable, because God is the party of the first part, and God does not change.

But to return to the national aspect of the Bible. It is this phase of the Book which, as we have already stated, proclaims the fact of the Israel nation as the servant race — that is, the Israel peoples, who, distinct from and not to be confused with the Jewish people (as is so often done) are represented today by the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples of the world who, particularly through the English-speaking section, hold a position in the world today which is the exact and literal fulfillment of the promises contained in the Abrahamic Covenant that the descendants of Abraham through Isaac were to become "a nation and a company of nations" and "a great people."

Leaving the land of their exile, as related by the Prophet Esdras, the House of Israel, by long and arduous journeyings, taking hundreds of years to accomplish, made the great trek from Assyria to the Isles of the West at the uttermost part of the earth. There, over the years, they developed into the empire which is the modern representative of Daniel's Fifth and Stone Kingdom.

Because so many earnest students of the Bible have failed to see these things, much harm has been done. The practice of what is misnamed "spiritualizing" the plain matter-of-fact statements of the Bible has resulted in the development of a theory which dishonors God and destroys man's faith, and thus has produced the "falling away" so prevalent nowadays. Those who are the proponents of this theory state, as has recently been said, "that God found that His original plan would not work; that circumstances had so changed that it never could work; that in consequence He was obliged to break His promise to Abraham, Isaac, Israel and David; and that,

having broken those promises, He transferred all the blessings of the Israel covenants, but not the curses, to the Christian Church."

Such a theory dishonors God. It impugns His truth. It suggests that He breaks His promises, a suggestion which, if it were true, destroys all possibility of faith in Him, for if any promise of God were to be broken, who can say which of them will stand? As the writer from whom I have already quoted says again:

"If God has broken His oath to Abraham, Isaac and Israel; if He has broken His oath to David; if He has broken any one promise which He ever made, how can we be sure that He will not break His promise again? How can we trust God to keep His promise of everlasting life to those who believe in His Son? Obviously if we admit into our minds any doubt whatsoever as to the power, or the will, of God to keep His promises, we immediately begin to undermine the very foundations on which the Christian faith is built up The 'spiritual Israel theory' states that it was possible for God to lie and to break both His promise and His oath. True Christians will hesitate to blaspheme God by accusing Him of perjury. They will find that the whole Bible is opposed to this theory; that the New Testament flatly contradicts it, and they will remember that Jesus Christ our Lord declared, 'The Scripture cannot be broken.'"

We have a splendid illustration of the national message of the Bible in relation to Israel in the parable given by Jesus, as recorded by Matthew, Mark and Luke. In Luke's Gospel the story is told as follows:

"A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. And he called his ten servants, and delivered them ten pounds, and said unto them, Occupy till I come. But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us. And it came to pass, that when he was returned, having received the kingdom, then he commanded these servants to be called unto him, to whom he had given the money, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. Then came the first, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained ten pounds. And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. And the second came, saying, Lord, thy pound hath gained five pounds. And he said

likewise to him, Be thou also over five cities. And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I have kept laid up in a napkin: For I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that thou layedest not down, and reapest that thou didst not sow. And he saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that I laid not down, and reaping that I did not sow: Wherefore then gavest not thou my money into the bank, that at my coming I might have required mine own with usury? And he said unto them that stood by, Take from him the pound, and give it to him that hath ten pounds. (And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds.) For I say unto you, That unto every one which hath shall be given; and from him that hath not, even that he hath shall be taken away from him. But those mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, and slay them before me." (Luke 19: 12-27.)

The Nobleman going into a far country was, of course, our Lord himself, who was about to leave this earth in order to sit down at the right hand of the Majesty on High, there to remain "expecting till His enemies be made His footstool"; that is, until the time should come for Him to return as King. The citizens who hated Him were evidently the Judeans of His day, whose hatred was so intense that they put Him to death on the cross (and note, these citizens sent a message saying, "We will not have this man to reign over us").

No pounds, or goods, as Matthew states, were given to the citizens, because it had been said to them:

"The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." (Matt. 21: 43.)

But the ten servants representing that "nation" receive the ten pounds of goods, and by the way, these "goods" are clearly described by Paul who, writing to the Romans, declares that His kinsmen according to the flesh are Israelites "to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever" (Rom. 9: 4-5).

When the Nobleman returns He first reckons with the ten servants and then with those who said, "We will not have this man to reign over us." Thus Israel the nation has been entrusted with a tremendous responsibility and a glorious privilege. To her has been committed the heritage of the Kingdom of God, with the command, "Occupy till I come." The Throne of the Lord over Israel, the Kingdom of God on earth, the Law of the Lord, the truth of the Sacred Scriptures — all these Israel must maintain without loss and with profit until the greatest Nobleman of all time returns from the far country to claim His Kingdom, and to establish it with judgment and with justice henceforth even forever.

That is the national message of the Bible. It is not nationalism in the sense in which the term is sometimes used. It is the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and it is the Gospel which our Lord Jesus Christ proclaimed. True citizenship in the Kingdom (and this is something of which we must never lose sight, and is part of the Gospel of the Kingdom) can only be attained fully by the acceptance of our Lord as Redeemer and Saviour. The election of race alone is not sufficient; it must be supplemented and confirmed by the election of grace, for "except a man be born again, he cannot see — he cannot enter — the Kingdom of God" (John 3: 3 & 5).

This full Gospel, the Gospel of the Kingdom, the message of the whole Bible, is the only message which can satisfy the need of man today! The present period is a turning point in history. The days in which we live are momentous. Never before has Christendom faced such a tremendous crisis. There is truly "upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity . . . men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth" (Luke 21: 25-26).

Thinking people want to know what lies behind our present state, and what the future holds in store. Well, the Gospel of the Kingdom, when proclaimed in its entirety, provides this information. It is the one message of comfort and of hope

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DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANES

By Rev. J. H. Allen

WHEN OUR Lord Jesus Christ, "the Lord of glory," walked among men, He taught His disciples to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, whom He denounced as hypocrites. With them he classed the scribes, chief priests and officials of the temple, together with the recognized teachers of the synagogues. He declared they had so corrupted the truth of God, which they were supposed to preach, with the doctrines and ordinances of men that the truth, as originally given, was no longer with them. That which these blind leaders of the blind were giving forth as the truth of God was making their converts two-fold more the children of hell than they were before accepting the *ism* by these corrupt leaders.

Therefore, as a warning to those who were joining themselves to Him, the Lord said that these non-spiritual men made long prayers for a "pretense," a public "show" — which, while having a form of humility, was for the purpose only of being seen of men. What these men really loved were the highest seats in the synagogues; the uppermost rooms at the public feasts; the greeting they received in the market places from truly humble and sincere men, whom they hoped would esteem them as superiors, and who addressed them as Rabbi, Rabbi — my master, my master. But our Lord commanded:

"Be not ye called Rabbi, for one is your Master, even Christ, and all ye are brethren. . . . Neither be ye called Master, for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is *greatest* among you shall be your servant," *i.e.*, a double command for a double purpose. 1) Do not allow men who are your brethren in Christ, and who compose the assembly of God, to call you Master, for one is your Master, and you cannot be He. 2) Do not allow yourself to

become possessed with such a carnal spirit that you want men who belong to the body of Christ to call you "Master."

Also, added to the desire and carnal love of being "uppermost" in the eyes of the Lord's people, these leaders are charged with extortion and accused of devouring the homes of widows, and of excess. Jesus accuses them of being hypocrites who desire to be regarded as dignitaries of the congregations of the Most High God. Such conditions as described exist only in the assemblies across whose ethical portals, before the God of holiness, has been written the name "*Ichabod*" — the glory of the Lord had departed.

The word "excess" as used above means the carnal abuse of lawful things; things lawful and right carried to extremes. For it is true that there is a legal and God-approved honor given to:

"Them which labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." (I Thess. 5: 12-13.)

"Let the elders that rule — guide; lead; preside well, be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the Word and doctrine." (I Tim. 5: 17.)

Why *guide* and *lead* instead of *rule*? Because those who are over us in the Lord are shepherds who must lead and guide, but not dominate. Rule is arbitrary government, and the Church may be "subject to Christ" only. "One is your Master, even Christ." The following Divine instruction is from one of the inspired Spirit-filled elders:

"The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the suffering of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed. Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [not rulership] thereof, not by

constraint, but willingly: nor for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind. Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being examples to the flock." (I Peter 5: 1-3.)

The "blind guides" would say, but not do. The Divinely-anointed elder will both say and do, and thus be an example to the flock whom the people will love and esteem very highly for his work's sake, and who in his heart will never desire to be lord over the heritage of his Master.

It is this desire on the part of men to become lords over God's heritage which is the thing God hates — "The doctrine of the Nicolaitanes" is just what the word Nicolaitanes itself declares. *Proof:* 1) In the Book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ, it is both "*the deeds*" and "*the doctrine*" of those in the two churches specified, which the Lord designates by the proper name Nicolaitanes, that He hates, and for which He demands repentance of those who hold and practice these things, whom He also threatens with drastic punishment unless they shall "repent."

2) The name is a compound word which is composed of three Greek words, and which, because of being a proper noun, is transferred instead of being translated into English. As thus transferred, it is subject to the laws of Greek construction in regard to ellipsis, contraction and phonetics.

3) The Greek words used in its construction are first, "*nikos*," of which we use the English equivalents instead of the Greek letters, as we shall also of the other two. *Nikos* is defined as "a conquest; victory; triumph, the conquered; and by implication, dominancy over the defeated." Another transferred name in which this term is used is "*nicopolis*," *i.e.*, *niko* — conquest; *polis* — city. Hence the city of conquest, or city of victory. Also *Andro* —

"*nikos*"; a man of conquest, of victory. The second term used in the name under consideration is "*laos*," — people, another use of which is Nicolas, which is also transferred and is composed of *Nikos-laos* and means one which is "victorious over the people," the letter *s* being in both words the nominative case ending, which is retained only at the end of the word to denote the case, while *a* short and *o* short are contracted into *a* long.

Also, a still further transferred use of "*laos*" is found in the name Lao(s) diceans, compounded with *dike* or *dice* as the Greek *k* is the equivalent English *c*. Thus, in the name Laodiceans we have *laos* — "people" and *dice* — judgment, or vengeance, *i.e.*, the people of my judgment, or of my vengeance.

Also, the Greek word *la(ic)os* means layman, of which *la-os* is the root and stem, which selfsame word with the *o* short contracted to *i*, to which root and stem the plural definite article *ton* is joined to form *laiton* — is a Greek phrase meaning "the laity."

The third and last word entering into the construction of the proper name Nicolaitanes is *ton*, in which omega, the long *o*, is contracted into long *a*, thus making the word "*tan*," which is the genitive case plural in all the genders of the definite article *the*. Therefore, we have, without the legal Greek construction, the English hyphenated word *Nickos-laos-ton*, but which, with its lawful elisions and contractions, becomes the English name, Nicolaitanes; the full meaning of which in its native tongue and in its ecclesiastical setting is that the bishops and prelates of

the Church have gained a triumphant victory or conquest over the *laiton* — the laity — until they have been compelled to submit to the arbitrary dominion of men who have become that thing which God hates: "*Lords over God's heritage*."

The evidence of this is found in all our common school dictionaries, among which we find the following definition of the term "hierarchy, the power of dominion; government by ecclesiastical rulers," to which the following is introduced in evidence:

"If anyone shall say that there is not in the Catholic church a hierarchy established by the divine ordination, consisting of bishops, presbyters and ministers, let him be anathema. Council of Trent (trans.) XXIII 6." (*Century Dic.*, etc.)

That is, let any one who will have the timidity to say there is not a hierarchy, not a collection of human beings, who have been given the power by other men of dominion as ecclesiastical rulers over churchmen, who are declaredly God's heritage, let that man be accursed; *i.e.*, let death and hell and the devil get him. Surely, the thing in which that ecclesiastical company is glorying is their *shame*!

Furthermore, Webster defines the word "episcopal" as "the power of government, belonging to, or vested in, bishops or prelates. Government of the church by Bishops." Also, "in episcopacy, the order of bishops is superior to the other clergy, and has exclusive power to confer orders." In this definition it is affirmed that a certain portion of presbyters (elders) were even "in apostolic times superior in authority to ordinary presbyters," and also mentions the fact that episcopacy recognizes "epis-

copal rank" which is created by the institution thus governed; all of which affirms that any church in which episcopal government obtains is practicing the very carnal and fleshy iniquity of creating "superiors" in what should be a holy brotherhood. The use of this appellation makes "inferiors" out of "brethren" who are in the selfsame clergy.

The approbation of "ordinary elders" demands a "set" or elders who are super-ordinary, thus creating "rank" (caste) in the otherwise Divine brotherhood, all of which destroys holy fellowship, creates division and strife, and fosters envy. No marvel that our Lord should hate a thing like that, condemn it, and demand that those who are guilty shall *repent*. But will they? Yes, some will when the tribulation is on. Others, however, will stick to their ecclesiastical crowd, vainly imagining that their boasted "superiority" will carry them through that time of the greatest trouble which the world has ever known or will know. They must go down with the rest of the hosts of *anti-Christ*.

And yet, one of the most unfortunate features of all this is that there are those in the Church who do not hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitanes, but who practice "their deeds" of dominating the laity by lording it over the Church of Jesus Christ, which should be subject only to one Divine Master. It is often true that these have assumed this lordship because they are esteemed very highly *in love* for their work's sake, but have become vainly puffed up in their fleshly mind. Beloved, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees!"

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which men need. It proclaims the fact that behind the shadows is God, and that His plan and purpose are being worked out among us today. The prophets of old proclaimed that message. Jesus Christ our Lord confirmed and ratified "all that the prophets have spoken." Let us search diligently to know and discern the meaning of their prophecies, so that we may indeed walk in "the light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn and the day star arise in our hearts."

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Credendum

AS YOU READ DESTINY it will be helpful to bear in mind as a fundamental tenet that it identifies the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the House of Israel in the world today. The key to understanding the national aspect of the Bible lies in the acceptance of this basic truth. The ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel, or House of Israel, is distinct and separate from Jewry. In the Scriptures the terms "Israel," "Judah" and "Jew" are not synonymous and the course of history is widely divergent for the peoples properly classified under each of these titles.

The House of Israel is today an innumerable multitude apart from Jewry, a fact which the *Jewish Chronicle* for May 2, 1879 recognized by its reference to the ten tribes as represented by peoples who are not Jews. There it is stated: "The Scriptures speak of a future restoration of Israel, which is clearly to include both Judah and Ephraim [another term designating the House of Israel]. The problem, then, is reduced to its simplest form. The ten tribes are certainly in existence. All that has to be done is to discover which people represent them."

The information published in DESTINY provides the evidence showing that Israel left Palestine while the Jews remained. The movements of the Israel clans are traced out of the East, across Europe to their new settlement in the Isles of Britain, and then on to America. The prophets foretold Israel's westward trek and the monuments and traditions record the Divinely-guided wanderings of this people who left "waymarks" behind them as they journeyed toward their ultimate destination. Today the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples alone bear all the marks by which the House of Israel was to be known in the latter days and they have unconsciously fulfilled in their history, and do fulfill in their present-day activities, what the Word of God declares would be accomplished by them in these latter times.

It is natural that, in the presentation of facts at first thought so startling, the immediate effect of proclaiming these new (yet not new) truths will bring opposition from some quarters where past beliefs are upset. But the evidence of racial movements throughout history, and the marks set forth by which the Israel of God was to be known in modern days, are so unmistakably clear that the failure to seriously consider the evidence will jeopardize the future welfare of the Anglo-Saxon race. For if the people of this race are the lineal descendants of the northern ten-tribed Kingdom of Israel — and they are — there has been placed upon them today a responsibility they cannot escape. The failure to awaken to the knowledge of their identity and assume their responsibility as the people with whom God made His unalterable covenants, and upon whom He laid His law, will bring upon them inevitable national suffering and trouble.

Were the opponents of the identity right in their

assumptions, there would, of course, be no such responsibility; but here again it is essential that the facts be made known. This DESTINY is doing. The people themselves constitute the court of appeal and must render a decision as to whether the facts presented are correct or the objections raised are valid. It is also important to carefully consider that God Himself will pass final judgment in accordance with the verdict rendered by the people, bringing weal or woe upon the nations of Israel in days to come as the inevitable consequence of the course chosen and pursued.

Let those who are opposed to proclaiming the identity ponder well the fact that they, too, have a tremendous personal responsibility. When it is universally recognized that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are modern Israel, opponents of this truth who have succeeded in leading many astray, and hindered to that extent the national awakening and return to God in wholehearted acknowledgment of His sovereignty and obedience to His laws, will discover that He will not hold them guiltless.

God is not a man that He should lie and He gave His promise that Israel (He did not say Judah) would never cease to be a nation before Him. He gave the continuity of the heavenly signs as a guarantee of this (Jer. 31: 35-36). The *Jewish Chronicle* says, "Find this people" and DESTINY points to the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples in whose history the prophecies of the Scriptures pertaining to the House of Israel are all being fulfilled today.

Sometimes the objection is raised that, because we stress the Gospel of the Kingdom, we have failed to recognize the part personal salvation plays in the redemptive plans of God. While DESTINY Magazine does give specific attention to the Kingdom evangel, this is by no means an indication that the Gospel of Salvation is relegated to a lesser position.

Of paramount importance to every individual is the necessity to become reconciled with God through His Son Jesus Christ. This is requisite to citizenship in the Kingdom of God and DESTINY presents the vital spiritual needs of every individual who strives to become an overcomer and attain the victor's crown. That phase of the Gospel message is as essential to the individual as the Gospel of the Kingdom is to the nation, which proclaims the identity and responsibility of the nations of Israel today and the necessity for the restoration of the administration of the Law of the Lord as the law of the land.

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